

ODA Quarterly NEWSLETTER



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Latest Deflection News & Information

Welcome back to our quarterly Newsletter!

Ohio Deflection Association delivers support around public safety for the health and wellbeing of those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders. Through the development of deflection and pre-arrest diversion strategies, support tools and facilitating the education of community partners providing outreach services. Focusing on real life challenges with real time solutions by providing communities with education, guidance and resources.

2024 ODA Updates:

**There are big things happening in the World of
Deflection**

**Including our Annual Summit
Read below for more details!**

Ohio Deflection Association 4th Annual Summit:

Join us for the Fourth Annual QRT, Outreach, & Deflection Summit hosted by the Ohio Deflection Association from January 22-25, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This 2.5-day conference will allow you to enhance your skills through main presentations, breakout sessions, networking and fellowship.

This is a time for all of us to gather in one place to teach, learn and grow together to further our Deflection efforts.

Please join us at the Summit in January for this incredible event!



[Register now!](#)

Voices from the field:

As we continue planning for our 2025 Summit in Cincinnati, OH we want to make sure everyone's voices are heard. You all represent the work we are so passionate about every single day and we value your opinion.

Please tell us what you would like to see as a guest at our annual conference.

[Tell us your thoughts!](#)

Call for Proposals:

We need YOU to be a part of our planning for the Summit.

We ask that you please apply to present in our main presentations and breakout sessions!

Please apply to show off your skills and teach others about your approach!

[Apply now!](#)



Award Nominations:

We want to recognize all of the amazing work being done in the field! An important part of our Summit is celebrating the success of our peers. Please follow the link & nominate all of the teams and individuals that deserve to be honored during the award ceremony

[Vote now!](#)



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Ohio Deflection Association 4th Annual Summit Quick Links:

[Call for Proposals](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

[Hotel Booking for Summit](#)

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Knowledge Hub:

A primary role of the Deflection Initiative is collecting, providing access to, and disseminating information on promising and best practices. Our newly launched Knowledge Hub serves as a central location for resources, innovations, and programs that will promote progress, advance the field of deflection, and support teams around the state. A document repository, deflection literature, and local and national resources can currently be found on the site.

Sign Up Below:

Deflection ECHO

Knowledge Hub

Sign up for Deflection News

The Deflection ECHO:

The Deflection ECHO is intended to build a network and community for Ohio quick/overdose response/deflection teams. Medical first responders, law enforcement, peers, and treatment providers, etc are encouraged to join the monthly one-hour session designed to share promising practices amongst one another to help respond to what teams face in the field. The hour includes a brief informational presentation followed by consultation time so that teams can share scenarios or ask questions and learn from one another. **Sign up now!**

DEFLECTION ECHO








SCHEDULE

OCT 9	Deflection Approaches to Address Disparities with LGBTQI+ Caitlin Looney, LISW-S Morgan Brown, LSW, MSW Office of Justice Policy & Programs
NOV 13	Neurosequential Stress Model for First Responders Eve Fitch, LISW RREACT
DEC 11	Stories over Stigma Hannah Shilling, CDCA II, PRS, OCPA, CHW Hamilton County Public Health

Operation Bridge

Bridging Recovery & Interdiction Data Gathering Enforcement.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) in collaboration with other state, local and private entities are driving two statewide community outreach days called Operation BRIDGE Days. The focus will be a collaborative effort to identify resources and build partnerships between law enforcement and outreach within the community. The goal is to have participation in all 88 counties in the State of Ohio. For more information on future operations or if you would like to participate, please email BRIDGE@dps.ohio.gov.

	Operation BRIDGE	
2024 TOTAL STATISTICS		
INTERDICTION	OUTREACH	
SEIZURES		
Cocaine 91.37 grams	Methamphetamine 131.4 grams	Outreach Contacts 4,829
Marijuana 17 pounds	Counterfeit Pills 0 unit doses	People Connected to Treatment 70
Fentanyl 336.8 grams	RX Pills 8 unit doses	Referrals to Treatment 217
Heroin 30 grams	Other** 3 unit doses	Naloxone Kits Distributed 2,475
Crack 98 grams		Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed 2,301
		Connected with BMV Services* 155
	**Other: Ecstasy seized	
	Traffic Stops Initiated 669	Remaining 2024 Operation BRIDGE Events
	Felony Arrests (Non-Drug Related) 17	• Stark County – September 18-19
	Felony Arrests (Drug Related) 34	• Guernsey County – September 24-25
	Misdemeanor Arrest (Non-Drug Related) 12	• Franklin County – October 8-9
	Misdemeanor Arrest (Drug Related) 16	
	Search Warrants 4	
	Criminal Cases Initiated (Non-Drug Related) 15	
	Criminal Cases Initiated (Drug Related) 24	
	Citations Issued 183	
 Firearms Seized 5	 Devices Submitted for Digital Forensic Examination 2	
 Warrants Served 48		

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Voices from the field:

“Bridge day was a SUCCESS! We had 120 people come through and get information and 23 agencies participate. It was a really good event. Next year we are going to hold it in Oakhill.”

-Amanda Davis, Jackson County PORT



Upcoming Events:



COLUMBUS FIRE RREACT



Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team

&

Franklin County Family and Children First Council
Building Better Lives Initiative
presents

“How our Brains Respond to Stress”

A brain respectful trauma training focused on understanding the impact of stress, trauma and toxic stress on children and adults. This training specifically focuses on the impact of stress on first responders. Learn strategies to regulate your stress response effectively.

Training Class will be held at Columbus Fire Training Academy

3639 Parsons Ave. Columbus, OH 43207

9:00AM – 3PM

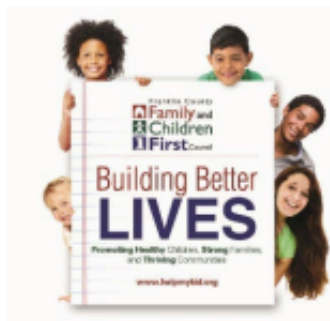
Wednesday October 9th

Sign Up using the following link!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-our-brains-respond-to-stress-tickets-1009533069587?aff=oddtcreator>

For Questions Contact: Eve Fitch, LISW @ Evadna.fitch@escco.org

Lieutenant Isaac Toliver @ Imtoliver@columbus.gov



Upcoming Events:

Community Safety Day - Autumn 2024

October 26, 2024 - 3639 Parsons Avenue - 10am-2pm

- DEA Drug Take Back & Disposal
- Free Naloxone & Training
- Free Food & Produce
- Free Flu Vaccinations
- Free Health & Resiliency Resources
- Free Kids Activities



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RESOURCE CENTER



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CHILDREN'S

When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.



Upcoming Conferences & Trainings



2024 PTACC Summit:

When?

October 29- November 1, 2024

Where?

Seattle, Washington

Click link below for more details!

<https://ptaccollaborative.org/conference/>

Funding Announcements

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Office of Criminal Justice Services announces nearly \$5.5 million in grant funding has been awarded to support efforts to reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities and to promote substance use awareness, prevention, and recovery.

Funding from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) will provide resources supporting the development, expansion, or enhancement of substance use deflection and pre-arrest diversion programs in diverse Ohio communities that are disproportionately challenged by high fatal and nonfatal overdose rates.

Agencies receiving grants to help fight the impact of drugs in their communities include:

- **Amberley Village, Hamilton County – \$376,443.60**
- **Lawrence County Prosecutor’s Office, Lawrence County – \$418,316.96**
- **Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs, Franklin County – \$838,866.10**
- **Lorain County Sheriff’s Office, Lorain County – \$449,615.20**
- **Portage County Sheriff’s Office, Portage County – \$369,609.28**
- **Ross County Sheriff’s Office, Ross County – \$128,072.10**
- **Medina County Drug Task Force, Medina County – \$241,975.72**
- **Defiance County Sheriff’s Office, Defiance County – \$117,821.11**
- **Middletown Division of Police, Butler County – \$115,776.64**
- **Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc., Hamilton County – \$355,715.22**
- **Talbert House, Hamilton County – \$792,744.70**
- **The MetroHealth System, Cuyahoga County – \$440,229.00**
- **Northeast Ohio Medical University, Portage County – \$587,996.44**
- **Muskingum County Prosecutor’s Office, Muskingum County – \$205,062.41**

Congratulations to all Teams and Programs that were awarded these grants. We look forward to seeing your continued hard work in bettering your communities

Available Funding Opportunities

ODA Mini Grants:

- a. The ODA board approved the opening of the application process for any ODA member to apply for funding to support your deflection efforts—a limit of \$1,000 per team/site in a calendar year.
- b. ODA Mini-grant funding can be used for any “Deflection” related expense. Food, materials, contingency management items (e.g., gift cards), IDs, birth certificates, and whatever else your team might need.
- c. Ohio teams/sites will take precedence in selecting the priority of application for funds.
- i. With that said, all ODA members are encouraged to apply for funding.
- d. This is a reminder for all 2024 ODA Summit registrants that your registration includes a 13-month ODA membership until February 2025.
- e. Anyone not a current ODA member can update your membership for \$25.

<https://forms.office.com/g/w3B040DNXS>



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2025 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Ohio Deflection Association Board is excited to announce scholarship opportunities to cover the cost of \$900+ participants to attend the 2025 QRT, Outreach & Deflection Summit.



DEADLINE 10/30/24

- ✓ Priority consideration will be give to Ohio residents
- ✓ The scholarship recipients' covered costs will include the registration fee and hotel fees, if the recipient is outside a 25 mile radius and in need of lodging. Transportation costs are not included.

MORE INFORMATION

 **APPLY ONLINE**
OhioDeflectionAssociation.org

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